·its	Units
Darya Ganj	Nangal Raya
Rajouri Garden	Jungpura
Shahdra	Delhi Cantt.
Kasturba Nagar	Kingsway Camp
Tilak Nagar	Gurgaon
Kalkaji	Laxmi Nagar
Timarpur	M. B. Road
South Avenue	Pachim Vihar
R.K. Puram-III	
M. B. Road	

Respiratory Diseases Caused by Cowdung Chips (Kandas)

6710. PROF. O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the use of cowdung chips (Kandas) as a medium of cooking fuel in the slums has been found to be a major source of causing acute respiratory diseases among the pre-school children; and

(b) if so, what urgent steps are being taken by Government to stop the use of cowdung chips as a medium of cooking fuel?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to reduce the incidence of smoke related diseases the Government is promoting smokeless chulhas and biogas plants under the National Programme of Improved Chulhas (NPIC) and National Project on Biogas Development respectively.

Licences of Guest Houses

6711. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a; whether Government have received any complaints that the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Licencing), Delhi is allegedly flouting/violating the Master Plan as well as other Bye-laws while granting the licences to the guest houses in the premises which are unauthorisedly constructed;

(b) what are the requirements to be taken into consideration while granting such permission;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Licencing), Delhi has also allegedly violated the requirements that are mandatory while granting such licences;

(d) details of names, of guest houses and licences granted since 1st January, 1989 till date; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government against the erring officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) The Government of NCT has reported that no such complaint appears to have been received.

(b) The Regulations for keeping Places

of Public Entertainment in Union Territory of Delhi, which have been framed under the Delhi Police Act. 1978, govern such permissions. A decision w;is taken at the level of the then LG, Delhi, Shri Jagmohan that fresh licences would be granted only after DDA gave clearance. DDA have generally not cleared any case for grant of licence, except five Star hotels. At a subsequent meeting held in the chamber of Lt. Governor on 25.7.91, it was decided that licences may be granted provisionally to those establishments who had been provided 'No Objection Certificates' by the Chief Fire Officer, the local Police and the traffic police and the concerned local body. Delhi Police have provisionally granted 147 licences since 1.1.1989 subject to the stipulation that the licences would be withdrawn in case DDA docs not give the no objection certificate.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The names of the hotels/guest houses who have been granted provisional licences from 1.1.89 are given in the enclosed statement. *See* Appendix 170 Annexure No. 136|

(c) Docs not arise.

Crimes Against Women

6712. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether the crime situation in the capital has deteriorated during the last three months i.e. January-March. 1994 especially in respect of the crimes against women;

(b) if so, the comparative figures in respect of different categories of crimes during this quarter and the preceding 4 quarters of 1993; and

(c) the steps taken to curb the trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) The number of cases of different categories of crimes reported during the first quarter of 1994 and preceding four quarters of 1993 is given in the enclosed statement. *(See* below)

(c) The Steps taken to curb crimes in Delhi include increased patrolling posting of pickets at strategic points; strengthening of intelligence; frequent raids at the hideouts of criminals; increased surveillance; coordination meetings with the officials of the neighbouring states; training of police officers in handling modern weapons; introduction of scientific methods of investigation; and modernisation of communication network.

The following steps have *been* taken to curb crimes against women:

(i) Offences under the Dowry Prohibition Act have been made cognizable and non-bailable.

(ii) A new Section has been added in the Indian Penal Code making the offences of harassment and cruelty to women by their husbands and in-laws a cognizable offence.

(iii) A Special Cell for Crime against Women has "been set' up. Such Cells, have also been set up *each District* of Delhi Police